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**In re Application of:
Glen R. Sumner**

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AMENDMENT

Applicant, Glen R. Sumner, respectfully requests amendment of the referenced application as follows. Further, this amendment is made in response to a telephone interview conducted between R. William Beard, Jr. and Examiner Patrick F. Brinson conducted on March 19, 1997. During the interview, it was agreed that applicant would file a response to the outstanding restriction requirement mailed February 19, 1997. Further, applicant would submit an amendment to claims 21 - 51 filed on January 7, 1997. It is anticipated that amended claims 21 - 51 will be examined notwithstanding the election of withdrawn claims 1 - 7 filed on March 20, 1997.

In the claims

✓ 21. (once amended) [A] The pipeline of claim 53 comprising pipe with an insulating conglomerate therearound], wherein said [conglomerate] insulating layer comprises a